

Christ Followers, Make Your Vote Count

Our nation is in a mess. Immorality abounds. What the Bible calls good, society calls evil. What the Bible calls evil, society calls good.

Meanwhile, Islamic terrorists threaten our safety at home and abroad. Government spending is out of control, and few Americans consider their children will be better off than they are, which, for several centuries, has been the essence of the American Dream.

It seems the nation's leaders are hellbent on a direction that opposes God's Word. A constant drumbeat in the media has it that Judeo-Christian values are on the wrong side of history. Many believers are discouraged and seem to be simply holding on until Jesus returns.

Yet, I sense something is happening. People are beginning to wake up. There is more concern and more prayer than I've seen in years. It's almost like the grass-roots Reagan revolution when Jimmy Carter was president.

I believe God is answering prayer. One sign is the group of strong believers who have emerged as presidential candidates. These are candidates who have a strong moral compass and who are committed to turning this nation around. One person cannot turn America around. But didn't God raise up a leader when Israel needed to come back to Him? Don't we now need a leader who will defend our religious rights and stop the trend led by President Obama, where the rate of decline has accelerated?

In the past couple of election cycles several candidates who have strong faith tried to get the Christian community to coalesce around their candidacy. You may know I did my best to make this happen in 2007-2008 with Gov. Mike Huckabee. Four

years later I publicly endorsed former Sen. Rick Santorum. Neither got the nomination.

This year there are so many candidates with strong faith it's hard to know who to back. Let me be quick to say I don't think Christians should only vote for Christians. There are many godly men and women who are not qualified to lead this nation. But if we can put someone with a godly worldview into office, isn't that what we want to do? In the primary cycle when basically any of the candidates could suddenly surge to get the nomination, we must back the ones we think are the best—and who also have a chance to win.

Charisma is a spiritual magazine, not political. We are concerned that the leaders of our nation are people who hear from God and who make their decisions based on biblical values.

I'm involved in the political cycle this time and I just attended an invitation only meeting in Texas of "faith leaders" that I will write about later. It seems support is beginning to coalesce around one candidate. I'll write more about it soon and later this month I've decided to publicly endorse one of the candidates.

Keep in touch with us online, especially on our website as this very important election progresses in the next few months. In our effort to put our spiritual lives ahead of dirty politics, let's not be so heavenly minded we're of no earthly good.{eoa}